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1. DUTCH VOTERS TURNED AWAY FROM SMALL ARTIES TOWARDS THE
"BIG THREE" IN THE MAY 25 NATIONAL ELECTION. THE THREE
LARGEST PARTIES ALL GAINED SEATS IN THESECOND CHAMBER, WITH
THE GREATEST GAIN, A REMARKABLE TEN SEATS, GOING TO JOOP
DEN UYL'S LABOR PARTY. SMALL PARTIES, INCLUDING THE COMMUNISTS,
WHO PLUNGED FROM SEVEN TO TWO SEATS, FARED BADLY EXCEPT
FOR A REINVIGORATED DEMOCRATS. . VOTER TURNOUT WAS A HIGH
87.5 PERCENT.

2. THE PERCENTAGES RESULTS AND NEW MAKEUP OF THE SECOND
CHAMBER, ALONG WITH FIGURES FOR THE LAST NATIONAL ELECTION
IN 1972, FOLLOW:

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	1977		1972	
	PERCENT	SEATS	PERCENT	SEATS
CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS	31.91	49	31.29	48 (SEE NOTE)
(CDA)				
LABOR (PVDA)	33.81	53	27.34	43
LIBERALS (VVD)	17.95	28	14.45	22
RADICALS (PPR)	1.69	3	4.80	7

COMMUNISTS (CPN)	1.73	2	4.47	7
DEMOCRATS '66	5.43	8	4.15	6
DEMOCRATIC	0.72	1	4.12	6
SOCIALISTS '70				
SGP (RIGHT WING				
PROTESTANT	2.13	3	2.21	3
FAMRERS PARTY	0.84	1	1.94	3
(RIGHT WING)				
GPV (RIGHT WING	0.96	1	1.77	2
PROTESTANT)				
PACIFIST SOCIALISTS	0.94	1	1.50	2
(LEFT WING)				
TOTAL	150			

NOTE:

COMBINED TOTAL FORTHE THREE PARTIES WHICH NOW FORM CDA.)

3. THE CONSERVATIVE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARTY (RKPN) LOST ITS ONE SEAT. THE RACIST DUTCH PEOPLES' UNION (NVU) (THE HAGUE 2619) MUSTERED ONLY 33,000 VOTES AND FAILED TO WIN A SEAT.

4. COMMENT AND ANALYSIS WILL FOLLOW SEPTELS.

5. RADICAL PARTY GAINED ONE MORE SEAT THAN COMMUNISTS DESPITE LOWER VOTE TOTAL DUE TO COMPLICATED PREVIOUS AGREEMENTS FOR DISTRIBUTION OF SEATS LEFT OVER AFTER BASIC DIVISION (SEE RETELS).

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